

## FILE FORMAT TESTING FEATURE

### OVERVIEW

The new reporting requirements for Present on Admission and Principal Language Spoken required changes to the Inpatient and the ED/AS file formats.

MIRCal now has a **File Format Testing** feature that enables you to submit a test file to determine if it meets OSHPD's file specifications. This feature processes your test data through **Transmittal Validation only**, which verifies that the file format is set up correctly. You will be able to test the new file format well in advance of when you are required to submit your actual data to OSHPD. You can also use this feature to test the file format when your facility or your designated agent updates or installs a new system.

- ▶ A separate link for the File Format Testing has been added to the MIRCal Main Menu, below the User Information links.
- ▶ This feature runs independently from the facility's normal report period data submissions.
- ▶ A "Results" page will display whether your test file passed or failed transmittal, including detailed information on why your test file failed.

### How does it work?

The File Format Testing feature processes your test data through Transmittal Validation only, to verify that the file format meets OSHPD's specifications. You will receive results (via the Results page) indicating whether your test file passed or failed the transmittal edits. You can re-submit your test file as many times as needed to pass transmittal validation.

For help on resolving transmittal errors, please refer to the "IP-ED-AS Troubleshooting Guide for Transmittal Errors" or the Edit Flag Description Guides for Inpatient and ED/AS data, which can be found at: [www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/ManualsGuides.html](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HID/MIRCal/ManualsGuides.html)

### When does the file have to be submitted in the new format?

**Inpatient:** Data for the July -December 2008 report period must be in the new file format to accommodate POA reporting on Principal and Other E-Codes. Submission of this data begins in January 2009, with data approval on or before the March 31, 2009 due date.

**Good News:** Principal Language Spoken is also included on the new Inpatient file format. So no additional format changes are needed when you begin reporting PLS for the January-June 2009 Report Period.

**ED & AS:** Data for the January-March 2009 report period must be in the new file format to accommodate Principal Language Spoken. Submission of this data begins in April 2009, with data approval on or before the May 15, 2009 due date.

### How do I submit a file through the File Format Testing?

Log on to MIRCal, select the applicable data type and report period and then click on the File Format Testing link on the left margin.

- ▶ Click on the file format link that you wish to test.
- ▶ Enter the number of records on the test file to be submitted

- ▶ Enter the Begin Date. This is based on the earliest Discharge Date in your test file.
- ▶ Enter the End Date. This is based on the latest Discharge Date in your test file.
- ▶ Click on the 'Browse' button and locate the file
- ▶ Attach the file
- ▶ Click on 'Submit'
- ▶ You will be taken to the "File Format Testing Results" screen, pictured below.
- ▶ When your test file has finished processing, the Results screen will indicate whether your test file passed or failed the transmittal edits. You may have to refresh the screen by either clicking on the browser's refresh button, or clicking on "Results", under File Format Testing in the Main Menu:

If the data failed Transmittal Validation, the "File Format Testing Results" screen will display the error message(s) and the record number(s) that contain the error.

- Up to 20 records are listed.
- If there more than 20 records with a transmittal error, then the following message will be displayed:

**There are more than 20 records with a transmittal error. Only the first 20 records with errors are listed.**

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### File Format Testing Results

For details on the errors please refer to the [Troubleshooting Guide for Transmittal Errors](#) or the [Edit Flag Description Guide](#).

Facility Number	900008
Facility Name	zzz_TIC BR IP-ED-AS
Data Type	Inpatient
Test File Date Range	7/1/2008 - 12/31/2008
Number of Records Processed	20
Submission Date	11/18/2008 15:48
Processed Date	11/18/2008 15:48
Submitted by	Iorlaines
Submission Mode	File Format Test
Report Status	Failed File Format Testing

Please be advised that this File Format Testing function is only a tool to assist you with verifying that your file meets OSHPD's file specifications. It is not considered by OSHPD an official (formal) submission or receipt of data.

Error Messages	Number of records	Record #
File contains non-ASCII character(s).	1	20
Total number of records submitted does not match the number entered on the Transmittal screen. The "Number of Records" column displays the number entered by the User.	50	
One or more records with a Discharge Date that is Blank, Invalid, or outside the Report Period.	1	8

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